

Ad Hoc Committee to Address Homelessness  
Minutes of Tuesday, September 28, 2021

The Ad Hoc Committee to Address Homelessness of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met for a meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Notice and Agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building and at [www.Normanok.gov](http://www.Normanok.gov) twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

**Item no. 1 being: Committee Introductions**

Members Present: Eryn Tribble  
Lee Hall  
Lisa Krieg  
Michelle Evans

Members Absent: Cary Bryant

Staff Present: David Martin  
Tara Reynolds

Guests Present: Bill Scanlon  
Richard Thomas  
John McGraw

**Item No. 2 being: Review of Summary Minutes from 09-14-2021 Meeting**

No changes.

**Item No. 3 being: Update on Strategic Homeless Plan**

- City leadership is reviewing the gaps analysis from Homebase.
- Staff will be meeting with Homebase this week about the strategic homeless plan and with ADG about the strategic housing plan. The housing plan process should take one year, and will complement the homeless plan.
- City staff will be compiling an executive summary of the strategic homeless plan. There is no editing of the report content, just clarifications.
- Homebase will be making presentations about their findings in the gaps analysis to City Council, Ad Hoc, the COC, and the community.

**Item No. 4 being: Update on Emergency Shelter**

- The shelter has now served 361 unduplicated individuals since opening on December 6, 2020.
- New staff has started on the shelter, with more interviews underway.
- There has been increased activity around the shelter, and staff has been in continuous communication with local businesses and community members. This is not just a City problem, but a community problem where partners need to step up and provide direct client care, transportation, etc.
- There was a discussion about meeting needs – staffing shortages at partner agencies, funding difficulties, and the need for police when criminal activity is present.
- CM Hall would like to discuss stopgap measures at the next few meetings. There is 4 million in ARP funds set aside for affordable housing. Are there any short term solutions to current problems of short staffing, lack of transportation, affordable housing and funding? What is the transition plan from now until the 988 number begins in July of 2022?
- The ESG CV funding runs out in August of 2022. This will mean a lot of the hotel/motel voucher money will be gone. Our average ESG funding allotment is \$177,000, which is distributed between three

different agencies for provision of Emergency Shelter. No funding from the regular ESG program is awarded to the City of Norman.

- The average time it takes to house someone is 90+ days because we lack an adequate supply of available, affordable housing units.
- Solutions cost money, and educating the public is vital.

**Item No. 5 being: Encampment Update**

- No encampment update.
- Housing Liaison staff member is visiting current partners and strengthening relationships.

**Item No. 6 being: New Business**

- COC competition is due November 16. Once the applications are approved they will be presented to the Ad Hoc Committee.

**Item No. 7 being: Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 10:44 a.m.